High Court Bench in Thiruvananthapuram

718. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested for setting up of a High Court Bench in Thiruvananthapuram and whether it has been rejected by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government has assured to provide infrastructure facilities for setting up of the High Court Bench; and

(d) if so, whether such facilities have been arranged and initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) to (d) The proposal for setting up of a bench of the High Court is considered on receipt of a complete proposal from the State Government in consultation with the Chief Justice of the High Court. Though the Government of Kerala has requested for setting up a bench of the Kerala High Court at Thiruvananthapuram, it has not sent a complete proposal in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court or given any assurance with regard to providing the necessary infrastructural facilities.

Royalty rates of Minerals

†719. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the date revision of the rates of royalty on lime, bauxite, iron ore and dolomite during the last ten years indicaing the dates of revision and the revised rate for each of the minerals;

(b) the norms/basis for revising the rates of royalty;

(c) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for fixing the royalty on above minerals on the basis of certain percentage of their market prices;

(d) if so, whether the rates of royalty would be fixed on the basis of certain percentage of selling price of the minerals;

(e) if so, by when; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.